

Up-to-the-Minute Weather Reports and Emergency Information for Western Montana and North Central Idaho



Weather information broadcast on NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio is always the latest available and is continuously updated as needed. The broadcast cycle repeats every 3-5 minutes, depending on weather conditions. Information on NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio includes:

- The latest regional weather observations (updated hourly)
- The latest weather forecast for the next seven (7) days
- A short term forecast detailing expected weather conditions over the next 1-6 hours, depending on weather conditions
- Any hazardous weather watches, warnings or advisories affecting the area
- Any flood watches or warnings affecting the area
- Other emergency information as requested by local law enforcement, fire or emergency management agencies

Receiving a Broadcast

N OAA All Hazards Weather Radio broadcasts are not available on normal AM and FM frequencies. Rather, they can be received on the small “weather radios” available at many home electronics and department stores. NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio can also be received on aircraft, marine, CB, scanners, and most multi-band radios, including amateur radios. An increasing number of car stereo manufacturers are adding Weather Radio capability to their units.

I n Western Montana and North Central Idaho, weather radio broadcasts can be received on four transmitters that relay information originating from NWS Missoula.

For broadcasts in Western Montana, WXL-25, located in Missoula, broadcasts on 162.400 MHz. WXL-79, located in Butte, broadcasts on 162.550 MHz. WXL-82, located in Kalispell, broadcasts on 162.550 MHz. In North Central Idaho, WXX-98, located in Lewiston, and KPS-509 in Salmon broadcast on 162.55 MHz. To receive All Hazards Weather Radio Broadcasts, use this information to determine the location of the closest station, so you can program your NOAA All Hazards Radio.



NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio Warning Alarm

The National Weather Service highly recommends that you purchase a weather radio receiver with a “warning alarm” feature. Radios equipped with this option actually have the capability to sound an alarm and turn themselves on when a potentially life-threatening weather warning is issued. Usually, events that warrant activation of the NOAA Weather Radio warning alarm also trigger activation of the Emergency Alert System by commercial television and radio stations. Some radios use technology called Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME). This allows you to program the radio to alarm for only the county you live in and/or surrounding counties and choose which National Weather Service products you want to alarm.

On the Internet

More NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio information including station locations, listening area maps, where to purchase radios and special needs information can be found on the internet. Log onto the following websites to learn more:

weather.gov/Missoula
www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/



NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio across Western Montana and North Central Idaho

N NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio reaches nearly 90 percent of the public from over 900 stations nationwide. Established in 1975, NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts on seven frequencies in the VHF band, ranging from 162.400 to 162.550 MHz. NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio stations serving the area include:

Alberton, MT	162.400 MHz
Anaconda, MT	162.550 MHz
Butte, MT	162.550 MHz
Columbia Falls, MT	162.550 MHz
Deer Lodge, MT	162.550 MHz
Eureka, MT	162.550 MHz
Florence, MT	162.400 MHz
Grangeville, ID	162.550 MHz
Hamilton, MT	162.400 MHz
Kalispell, MT	162.550 MHz
Lowell, ID	162.550 MHz
Missoula, MT	162.400 MHz
Orofino, ID	162.550 MHz
Pierce, ID	162.550 MHz
Polson, MT	162.550 MHz
Ronan, MT	162.550 MHz
Salmon, ID	162.550 MHz
Seeley Lake, MT	162.550 MHz
Stevensville, MT	162.400 MHz
Thompson Falls, MT	162.400 MHz
West Glacier, MT	162.550 MHz
Whitefish, MT	162.550 MHz

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